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# STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Date: 24 May 94

Place: , Washington

*SW* I Sheridan W. Cavitt, hereby state that Richard L. Weaver was identified to me as a Colonel, USAF. I do hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make the following statement without having been subjected to any coercion, unlawful influence or unlawful inducement. *SW*

*SW* I was a Counterintelligence Corps (CIC) Special Agent for the US Army Air Force who was initially assigned to Roswell AAF following my graduation from CIC school at Ft. Holabird, MD, in late June or Early July, 1947. Shortly after arriving at Roswell, New Mexico in that time frame I had occasion to accompany one of my subordinates, MSGT Bill Rickett, CIC, and Major Jesse Marcel, Intelligence Officer the 509th Bomb Group, to a ranchland area outside of Roswell to help recover some material. I think that this request may have come directly from Major Marcel. I do not know who may have made the report to him. To the best of my knowledge, the three of us traveled to the aforementioned ranch land area by ourselves (that is, no other persons, civilian or military, were with us). I believe we had a military jeep that Marcel checked out to make this trip. When we got to this location we subsequently located some debris which appeared to me to resemble bamboo type square sticks one quarter to one half inch square, that were very light, as well as some sort of metallic reflecting material that was also very light. I also vaguely recall some sort of black box (like a weather instrument). The area of this debris was very small, about 20 feet square, and the material was spread on the ground, but there was no gouge or crater or other obvious sign of impact. I remember recognizing this material as being consistent with a weather balloon. We gathered up some of this material, which would easily fit into one vehicle. there certainly wasn't a lot of this material, or enough to make up crates of it for multiple airplane flights. What Marcel did with this material at the time was unknown to me, although I know now from reading about this incident in numerous books that it was taken to Eighth Air Force Headquarters in Fort Worth where it was subsequently identified as a weather balloon, which I thought it was all along. I have reviewed the pictures in the 1991 Book by Randle and Schmitt on the UFO Crash at Roswell wherein Marcel and Ramey are holding up this material and it appears to be the same type of material that we picked up from the ranch land. I did not make a report of this incident to my headquarters since I felt that the recovery of a weather balloon was not a big deal that did not merit a written report. In the same referenced book by Randle and Schmitt I was reputed to have told Rickett ( on Page 63) that we were never there and this incident never happened. The book seems to imply this was in some sort of conspiratorial tone; however it is more likely I told him not to mention it to our headquarters because we had wasted our time recovering a balloon. I only went to this area once and recovered debris once and to the best of my knowledge there were no other efforts to go back there. If there were, they did not involve me. There was no secretive effort or heightened security regarding this incident or any unusual expenditure of manpower at the base to deal with it. In fact, I do not recall the incident being mentioned again as being any big deal and I never even thought about it again until well after I retired from the military when I began to be contacted by UFO researchers. Many of the things I have mentioned to these people have either been taken out of context, misrepresented, or just plain made up. I did know both Jesse Marcel and Bill Rickett very well (both are now deceased). I considered them to be good men, however both did tend to exaggerate things on occasion. With regards to claims that we tested this material by hitting it with sledgehammers without damaging it, I do not recall any of us doing so. I also did not test this material for radioactivity with a Geiger counter (or anything else). I do not recall attempting to burn any of this debris but my wife tells me she recalled that Jesse Marcel, his wife and son did have a small piece that they held over the fire when we had a cookout. In short, I did help recover some debris near Roswell, New Mexico in the summer of 1947. I thought at the time and think so now, that this debris was from a crashed balloon. I am not part of any conspiracy to withhold information from anyone, either the US Government or the American public. I have never been sworn to any form of secrecy by anyone concerning this matter and I have received authorization from the Secretary of the Air Force to discuss with Colonel Weaver any information of a classified nature that I may have concerning it. There is no classified information that I am withholding. I have never been threatened by the US Government or any of its subdivisions, or by any persons, not to talk about this incident with anyone, and in fact I have talked to a number of private researchers. My bottom line is that this whole incident was no big deal and it certainly did not involve anything extraterrestrial. *SW*

*Sheridan W. Cavitt*

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Interview

Col Richard L. Weaver with Lt Col  
Sheridan D. Cavitt, USAF (Ret)

May 24, 1994

(Note: RW = Col Richard L. Weaver; SC = Sheridan Cavitt; MC = Mary Cavitt)

RW: Today is the 24th of May 1994. I am in I am Colonel Richard L.  
Weaver and I am talking to Lt Col Sheridan Cavitt, US Air Force, Retired. Also present in the  
room is his wife, Mary. Colonel, you don't mind that I tape record this do you?

**SC: Go right ahead.**

**RW: O.K. thank you. What I would like to ask you is to confirm you were with the Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) (at that time of the US Army) in 1947?**

**SC: Yes...the Army Air Corps...right.**

**RW:** When did you get transferred to Roswell, Sir?

**SC:** I went to Roswell after going to the CIC School in Baltimore, Maryland, at Camp Holabird...in 1946. I do not remember the month. My wife might. It was in the Fall was it not?

**MC: June of 47.**

**SC: June?**

**RW:** I think on your records you graduated in June of 47.

**SC: From Holabird?**

**RW: Yeah, Holabird.**

**SC: O.K...I told you my dates are slipping my mind.**

**RW: That's O.K...I have the same problem.**

**SC:** It's hard to remember July 47. I hadn't been there very long.

**RW: Did you know a Major Jesse Marcel who was the Intelligence Officer during Roswell at that time?**

SC: Oh yes. I knew Jesse, his wife, and his son. We were very close friends. We were in the same building in the CIC office, which was next to the intelligence office. We associated socially as well as business.

**RW:** Sir, you were the senior officer and the commander at the detachment there at Roswell?

SC: Yes, I guess you could say that. I was the only commissioned officer. I had two enlisted agents "working for me" quote end quote.

RW: Who were the enlisted agents that worked for you?

SC: The senior was a Master Sergeant by the name of Rickett and the young agent, Jack Williams. I later had some other people working for me after CIC deceased and OSI took over for the Air Force...the investigative agency.

RW: That actually came, I think, in September when the Air Force first stated. You were one of the charter members of OSI, as I understand?

SC: Yeah, over from CIC and OSI; and then I went to OSI school later.

RW: You reported through your chain of command? You didn't report to General Blanchard, the Base Commander? You reported like we did in OSI through the separate chain of command, as I understand it; is that right?

SC: Yeah, our parent organization was 700 CIC and I believe that there...they had sort of a branch up in Colorado at that time, but I think most of our work was sent directly back to Bolling at that time. I am a little fuzzy on that because I wasn't in the organization very long, you know.

RW: OK. General Blanchard was the Base Commander and everyone else in the 509th basically reported to him then?

SC: Oh yeah. Colonel Blanchard.

RW: Oh yeah. Excuse me, Colonel Blanchard.

SC: He was the Wing Commander of the 509th, right. I didn't report to anybody on the base.

RW: Just like in OSI?

SC: Yeah, I associated and coordinated stuff with Marcel and I had no responsibility to Blanchard or Marcel.

RW: Do you recall an incident that happened during the early part of July when you were asked to accompany Major Marcel to go recover some wreckage of anything?

SC: Well, there again I couldn't swear to the dates, but in that time, which must have been July, we heard that someone had found some debris out not too far from Roswell and it looked suspicious; it was unidentified. So, I went out and I do not recall whether Marcel went with Rickett and me; I had Rickett with me. We went out to this site. There were no, as I understand, check points or anything like that (going through guards and that sort of garbage) we went out there and we found it. It was a small amount of, as I recall, bamboo sticks, reflective sort of

material that would, well at first glance, you would probably think it was aluminum foil, something of that type. And we gathered up some of it. I don't know whether we even tried to get all of it. It wasn't scattered; well, what I call, you know, extensively. Like, it didn't go along the ground and splatter off some here and some there. We gathered up some of it and took it back to the base and I remember I had turned it over to Marcel. As I say, I do not remember whether Marcel was there or not on the site. He could have been. We took it back to the intelligence room...in the CIC office.

RW: What did you think it was when you recovered it?

SC: I thought a weather balloon.

RW: O.K. Were you familiar with weather balloons at the time?

SC: I had seen them. I had seen them. As I recall, I am really reaching back, I think they were equipped with a radio sonde or something like that, that transmitted data from, when it got up to altitude (what altitude I have no idea) and somebody on the ground received it and that way they got some information on what was happening up there.

RW: O.K.

SC: This is all over my head. When I saw it it was too flimsy to be anything to carry people or anything of that sort. It never crossed my mind that it could be anything but a radio sonde.

RW: How did you get the report that the material was out there?

SC: That I don't recall. Looking back on it, I imagine somebody called the 509th. The 509th called Marcel and said there is something over here, wherever. and then...more and more thinking back on it now he must have been...I must have been with him...."lets go out look and see what the hell..."

RW: Did you just make one trip out to the area?

SC: I can't recall ever making more than just that one trip.

RW: And you think it was you, Marcel, and Rickett?

SC: Well, I not sure it was Marcel but I know Rickett was...

RW: Rickett was there? When you got back with this stuff you turned it over to the Intelligence Office. What happened then?

SC: Nothing, as far as I'm concerned. I don't think I even made a report. Our CIC had gone by... 700 CIC was the CIC Headquarters.

RW: 700 CIC was the Headquarters?

SC: Yes, I don't think I even made a report to them, which I normally would if there was anything at all unusual.

RW: Do you remember the newspaper? It actually was, I think, July 7, 1947, where this now famous newspaper says they found a "flying disc" in Roswell? That was actually the Roswell paper, that was the first one. How about you, Mary, do you remember that at all?

SC: I don't remember it. We took the local paper to get some weather reports.

MC: We were so new there. In fact, I think I had just been there just maybe just a few days because I had been up to my sister's wedding and I don't think at that time we might not even been taking the paper. We heard no...

SC: I don't remember anything in the paper.

MC: We heard nothing. Of course, we didn't associate with people on the base, either.

RW: Yeah, I understand.

MC: We were brand new. Jesse and Salazar were best friends. At that...starting about the first of July on.

RW: After you found this, Sir, do you remember any sort unusual activity occurring? Like a big military alert, or people going out to the base and large numbers of high security?

SC: No. The reason I wouldn't have been involved in anything like that, if there was any activity like that, I was Counter Intelligence Corps, this didn't have anything to do with counter-intelligence. It looked to me, somebody lost a weather balloon. I couldn't care less...tough luck.

RW: But when you went out and saw this material, there was no doubt in your mind that it was some sort of man made material? And, you thought at the time was a weather balloon, some sort of balloon?

SC: When I first saw it.

RW: When you said the wreckage wasn't very much, could you, was it as long as your house here, or just a small little clump?

SC: Maybe as long as this room is wide.

RW: So, twenty feet maybe?



SC: Some here, some here, some here. No concentration of it. No marks in the ground, dug up, anything hidden, or anything like that, just out on the territory around the bottom of New Mexico, just good for growing sheep - they don't eat too well.

RW: Yeah, I don't imagine. They probably have to eat on the run out there. Do you remember at the time the article or the photo of General Ramey and Marcel holding up a piece of material? Have you seen that since that time?

SC: Oh yeah, I have seen it, yeah, but at the time I don't recall seeing anything like that.

RW: In that photo, actually there are four separate photos there, Marcel, I think in two of them, is holding up material. Does that look like the material that you picked up out in the desert? Actually it's in this book if you don't mind...

MC: I was going to say that I think it's in there.

SC: I don't remember...Yeah, Yeah, that's...

RW: The first picture is actually with Jesse Marcel and that's General Blanchard and...

SC: I think this was taken at the Headquarters at Carswell.

RW: Yeah, that's right. That's correct.

SC: And I obviously...Marcel took it to Fort Worth. Yeah that's the...

RW: Yeah. That doesn't look like they substituted anything from what you found?

SC: No, No.

RW: Is this about the extent of the material? I realize you can't see all of it in any of the pictures. Or was there large...could you fill up an airplane with it?

SC: Oh, good God! You couldn't fill up (unintelligible) with it. Yeah, I can't tell what those sticks look like. But, as I recall, to me they look like bamboo or some sort of very small lav type material ripped out.

RW: Could you break them or bend them, or...

SC: I didn't try.

RW: O.K.

SC: It was someone else's balloon as far as I was concerned. I didn't want to fool around with it.

RW: After you picked that up and you turned it over to Marcel, did you ever hear anything more about this? Did people from Washington come and talk to you about it? Did you have to swear any security oaths or debriefing statements?

SC: I don't remember anybody from Washington coming there. It's possible that somebody came over to talk to Marcel that I didn't even know about. To my knowledge, no. Certainly nobody from Washington. I would have, I think, remembered that. Someone from the headshed coming down and talking to me. Certainly, I would have. And I was not sworn into any secrecy ever about any of this stuff.

RW: So, as far as you are concerned, none of this was ever classified? There was no attempt to, I use the word, "cover up" this information or to classify it?

SC: Well let's put it this way: as far as I knew, I never heard anyone say, "Don't talk about this and its hot stuff." I think Marcel, would...I'm sure he would have told me something.

RW: Would he have? Did he ever say anything to you after this incident occurred until the time he left? Or, anywhere up until the time he died?

SW: Oh, Rich, dealing with him there in the office or the next office to him so he probably said something about it. That he had taken it down to Ramey or something. But, nothing that would, you know, stick in my mind of importance. Do you understand what I mean? If he had said something like, "I took it to 8th Air Force Headquarters, General Ramey was excited; they were going to take it to Wright-Pat" (or wherever they allegedly took it). Oh, I'm sure I would have remembered that.

RW: It had been alleged in a number of books, including the one by Randle and Schmitt, that there were a number of airplane flights back and forth of C54's and B29's going into Wright-Pat and Kirtland, or to Fort Worth. Back and forth, loaded up, with very tight security, hauling this wreckage. Do you recall any of that going on?

SC: None...Nothing.

RW: And then its indicated (and not directly quoting ) Some counterintelligence people from Washington or Andrews (as they said in the book) had come out there and apparently done photographs or crime scene searches or whatever. There was nobody else out there from CIC or Counter Intelligence Corps that you knew of? Other than Rickett?

SC: Not to my knowledge. Not to my knowledge. I made a booboo. I said it was 700 C at Bolling. I believe now that you mentioned Andrews, it could have been Andrews. But no nobody came out. Maybe they did, maybe they didn't talk to me. CIC did some crazy things in those days, shuttling some people around.

RW: But it would have been likely, had you been involved in recovering something kind of special that they would have talked to you?

SC: Yeah, I think they would have asked me, "Cav, what did you see"...right.

RW: Did Rickett ever talk to you about this again?

SC: No...I don't think so. I don't think so. Right about that time just before OSI was formed and we all were absorbed into OSI. I think he went on a special undercover job up to...maybe somewhere to an Air Force Base up here in Washington.

MC: Fort Lewis, I think he...

SC: Was it Lewis or McChord? I don't remember. Anyway, he went on to an undercover assignment, and that's what I said about CIC doing some crazy things. They didn't even tell me. I was his boss locally and they didn't even tell me that he had gone up. He use to be a mechanic at one time, Rick did, in the Air Force; the Air Corps. I think they wanted to...they were having some trouble with their planes being what they thought were sabotaged and they asked him to go up there and try out the machine...like an airplane mechanic, which he could do pretty good. Outside of that, I don't know of anything that Rick did.

RW: One of the things that was mentioned in this book...and I don't know how much you read it, is that Rickett some time later that Fall apparently went with a scientist by the name of Doctor LaPaz, and he accompanied him and they went around to various places. Dr. LaPaz was a well known person...

SC: I knew of him. I never met LaPaz personally, but I knew what he was.

RW: Did Rickett go with him that you recall; accompany him around?

SC: He could have, but it certainly didn't stick to my mind. It wouldn't be for any extended time I don't think, because we needed him around the office.

MC: The Ricketts were friends of ours too; and his wife and I. I don't remember Mack ever saying anything.

SC: Mack was his wife.

MC: ...that he was gone for a long time.

SC: He could have, but Rickett would go off the deep end every once in a while. He was a fantastic story teller. He worked for an insane asylum up in the Washington DC area. I think his wife worked there, also. He would sit around and tell some of the most hilarious, ridiculous stories about things that happened in this nut house, so to speak.

RW: Was that St. Elizabeth's? That's the big government mental institution.

SC: I don't know. It's in the Washington DC area. I forget since I was there in the Washington area for awhile but I never did get acquainted with the insane asylum.

RW: It's always best to keep it that way.

SC: No, well I put it again, he might have gone off with LaPaz for a few days, but I can't imagine what excuse I would have been given as to why he'd be out goofing around with an astronomer. LaPaz was a well thought of individual in New Mexico and, I imagine, all over the United States. He had quite a reputation.

RW: He did quite a bit of work for the Air Force, as I found through research.

SC: Contract work or something... Yeah.

RW: But there was nothing that you knew of that he did as a direct result of this incident on the stuff that you recovered out there?

SC: No. Of course, I could have been held in the dark about it; but as far as I know, no.

RW: O.K. I went through and pulled out wherever, in this book UFO Crash at Roswell by Randle and Schmitt, this is a 1991...I pulled out wherever you were identified. They never identified you by name except in the credits when they interviewed you, but they always referred to you as the "Senior CIC man" and "Senior CIC agent". They identified Rickett and Marcel, of course, by name. There are many things that are in the book that people said that you said or implied that you said, without directly saying that "Colonel Cavitt told me such and such."

SC: Yeah.

RW: I pulled a couple of these out and just ask you if you can comment on it to see how they ring with your memory of the incident. "The second fellow we interviewed" (this right from the front on page six) "was an agent in the counterintelligence corps. He accompanied another intelligence officer on the initial trip to the crash site and we believe wrote a report of the incident for his superiors in Washington"...implying that was you, since you were the senior guy.

SC: I'm just reading this end quote "book." No, No. I assume...I assume when I read this thing for the first time that they sent me a big deal, you know...

RW: An autographed copy?

SC: An autographed copy and all that. No, I didn't say all like that.

RW: On the next page, on seven, again referring to you: "At first this intelligence agent refused to admit that the event had occurred at all. There had been no newspaper story, no fuss, not even the recovery of a weather balloon. After much prodding, that he was going to admit that something came down and was recovered, and but that was as far as he would go. He admits no

personal involvement even though other reliable sources gave him a central role. That kind of sums up everything in...

SC: No. No. From the very start, when these clowns started hounding me, Randle and Schmitt, I told they accused me of covering up and having signed a security...

RW: Berlitz and Moore?

MC: Now, you see, he was here at the house. I've heard numerous deals on the radio when I'm listening at night and all this, all of this, has been...

SC: I told these guys when they first talked to me, I said: "I have taken no security oath. I'm under no obligation to not tell you anything, because, as far as I was concerned, it wasn't anything other than a weather balloon." And, I said: "I want you to quit inferring that I am staying silent under an oath of security." And, finally, I think about two years, later Randle told me: "Hey, we believe you." It was getting ridiculous. I was getting so sick and tired of this garbage.

RW: Yeah. I sensed a little of reluctance when I first called up and..."like, Oh no, here we go again" type of thing.

SC: I did, really.

MC: He gets so many phone calls. I usually answer the phone and say: "Who's calling please?" And then, I don't know whether...come and write a book...

SC: You've hear of Pflock?

RW: I know who he is, yeah.

SC: He's our chief debunker. I lean toward him.

MC: Rich, have you got, read, Randle and Schmitt's latest book?

RW: I've not. I've tried to find it and I haven't been able to find it.

MC: It just came out in April.

SC: They haven't sent me a copy yet. I think they are mad at me.

MC: Didn't they tell us that they found some new information and it wasn't at the spot that...

SC: Right. Right.

RW: Yeah. As I understand it, the new information (and this may not be quite right, since I haven't read it, this is hearsay) is that there was this crash...what they call the crash site,

apparently, where you were at and picked up this material, and then there is another one 120 miles or so away.

SC: A ricochet.

RW: Yeah. Which at one time was on the Plains of San Augustin and now it has apparently in this new book been changed to a location closer to Roswell. And, that's where these bodies were supposedly recovered. I think their new research has to do with that aspect of it.

MC: Well we haven't seen it, but I know it came out in April.

RW: O.K. Lets see; also on the same page it said: "The CIC responded to the phone call. Jesse Marcel was one. "The intelligence and the CIC responded to the phone call. Jesse Marcel was one of them. Colonel William Blanchard and the other officer suggested that Marcel and CIC agent accompanied Brazel to the ranch to see what was there." Brazel, of course, was the farmer who apparently came in and made the original report.

SC: Yeah. To the best of my recollection, I never met the rancher, Brazel.

RW: O.K., because as I go through here you'll see that you're accused, I say "accused"; claimed, to have been with him on a number of occasions and basically, it was alleged that the Army Air Corps had imprisoned him, if you will, for about a week and kept him away from everybody. Not that you personally did, but the Army Air Corps in general: "The trip to the ranch took the rest of the afternoon...they were forced to stay in a small cabin with no electricity no running water...the next morning they headed out into a field where Brazel had found the debris." So, this would have been you and whoever else accompanied you.

SC: Totally, made up, or fabricated, or whatever. I didn't have any experiences like that of spending the night out on the ranch.

MC: Eating a can of beans...

RW: Eating beans...yeah, that is, in fact, mentioned in one of the...

SC: Yeah.

RW: O.K. Now this: "Marcel would later say that the material was like nothing he had ever seen and the metal was as thin as newsprint and as light as a feather. It was flexible but very strong. He tried to dent it with a sledge hammer but Marcel and the CIC agent tried to burn it but it would not burn. It was lighter, stronger and more fire resistant than any of them had ever seen. Marcel, along with the counterintelligence agent picked up as much as they could and begun loading it up in Marcel's convertible and the counterintelligence agent's Jeep Carryall vehicle with a rear box." So, apparently, according to Marcel's version of the story (and I don't know when this was given, sometime after 1978) you hammered on it and tried to rip it and did other stuff with it and it was like nothing you had ever seen.

SC: No.

MC: I remember we were at the Marcel's house and I can remember Jesse had something had something on the pad...and then went out to...and took it out onto the back porch. And, I remember that (unintelligible)

RW: Was it some sort of material, metal material or...

MC: And it's in one of these books and then they...and as little Jesse said, they cemented over that...

RW: Oh yeah...O.K. I remember that.

MC: I can still visualize the stove of where they were and we were out there.

SC: No, he could have had some there at the house.

MC: I honestly do remember that.

RW: O.K. Was it like tinfoil type stuff or do you recall...

MC: I don't remember.

SC: I remember. He could have had some there at the house and it was, and it looked like a foil of some sort, and he could have tried to burn that and it didn't burn very well, I don't know. I don't remember that. I can't why imagine he'd be beating on it with a hammer for, but it doesn't make sense.

RW: One of the other things that I'll just jump to real quick was that you had tested the material with a Geiger counter. Did you ever have a Geiger counter?

SC: No.

RW: Now that's not standard OSI/CIC issue that I was aware of.

SC: Honest to God, no!

RW: I've never seen a Geiger counter myself, but I didn't know if you knew what one was.

SC: I had never seen one...what CIC would...No, absolutely.

RW: That comes a little further...did you have a Jeep Carryall, was that...?

SC: No.

RW: When you went out to the site, do you remember how you got out there?

SC: I don't. It was a possibility we could have taken a Jeep. Marcel had gotten a Jeep...Marcel had gotten a Jeep.

RW: Just a regular Jeep?

SC: Yeah. out of the motor pool, but certainly no Carryall.

RW: O.K. Then it said: "After Marcel had gone to Fort Worth and came back Marcel challenged the CIC man who had remained at the base asking to see (your) report. Marcel was told that the report was now classified and he wasn't authorized to see it and it was on its way to the Pentagon if he had a problem with that he could take it up with the Pentagon."

SC: Negative.

RW: O.K. "Blanchard, who was still at the base...ordered Marcel to accompany the rancher back to Corona," You said you never saw...and then you said you were going to...you never saw the rancher from what you told me previously?

SC: No.

RW: Or dealt with him personally?

SC: I certainly don't remember ever meeting Mr. Brazel or Brazzel, whatever his name was.

RW: O.K. Here is where they talk about the Geiger counter. You have already said that you didn't test anything for radioactivity because you didn't have anything to test it with.

SC: No.

RW: Oh. Then Marcel said there was a wire-like material that looked like monofilament fishing line. Do you recall any of that?

SC: Oh, no. It sort of tickles a little bit of remembrance of, you know, of all this junk foil, I would call it, and the sticks and so forth. There probably was some line of some sort there to hold it together, I guess.

RW: What they...

SC: What was supposed to have been with that I...

RW: Well where they go with that, later on, is that this is where we developed fiber optics from. That this is, was, in fact, fiber optic cable which was, of course, unheard of in 1947.



SC: Yeah.

RW: Yeah. We were still dealing with copper wire. You can bend light with fiber optics, and that's where we got...we (the world) got fiber optics from that material which we reverse engineered. That's the implication.

SC: O.K...I didn't see any of that, but there could have been some wire or nylon or something.

RW.O.K. "Together Marcel and the Counterintelligence agent walked around the entire perimeter looking at clues. It took them most of the morning to do it because of the size of the field they started collecting material at the outer edge of the field and moved in toward the center." So, this implies that this was a pretty major undertaking that you and Marcel - in order to examine all of this stuff took a long time because of the volume of the material. This is what I imply from that.

SC: If it were true, you know, the size of the rancher's field they are sometimes a section that are miles square, maybe larger. No.

RW: But there wasn't material all over?

SC: No.

RW: You are right. You could walk into New Mexico forever with...

SC: Oh Lord! Ranches are big out and down in New Mexico. No,...I didn't spend any extended time down there at the site.

RW: O.K. Then, on page 55, it talks about there was discussion that this may have been a foil parachute from a V-2. Were you aware that they were testing, we were testing, V-2's at that time out of White Sands?

SC: Oh yeah. I went down to a couple of launches. One abort and one launch.

RW: O.K. But there was no doubt in your mind that this was not part of V-2 or any other type of rocket when you saw the debris in the field?

SC: No. No. I never had any idea that it was anything with the V-2. They told us down at the V-2 site that they weren't shooting them toward Roswell, anyway. Of course the sent up a few of them and they had an awful lot of aborts. They had to detonate them or pull the trigger...shortly after they got off the launch pad because they went awry, shall we say.

RW: Yeah. Apparently one went awry and went into Mexico, too. They already found that later.

SC: No, I had no idea, no suspicion, that it came from Holloman. Holloman is that...

RW: It was White Sands.

SC: It was White Sands. Holloman base. Alamogordo.

RW: O.K. "Marcel would take some of the sample to Fort Worth to show Ramey. In the mean time, the CIC man would head back to the crash sit with some MP's showing them exactly where this field was and to round up the rancher. There were now additional questions for him." This implies that after you came back you took some MP's and went back up there.

SC: I went back down there? No. No.

RW: So you were just there the one original time and you didn't go back with any MP's, the rancher or anybody else?

SC: No.

RW: O.K. "Marcel would go to Fort Worth and the CIC man would stay behind to lead the clean up detail at the site another reason they send Marcel was the CIC had there own chain of command that reported to Kirtland in Albuquerque rather than Fort Worth and although Blanchard outranked the CIC agent (meaning yourself) a phone call to Kirtland could have gotten his orders overturned." So, this implied that you reported to Kirtland, which I know, of course, we did later when District 17 was formed.

SC: Yeah, OSI.

RW: Yeah, but at that time you didn't necessarily - the CIC did not report to Kirtland?

SC: No. No. Kirtland was just another Air Base as far as we were concerned down at Roswell. They weren't part of SAC. They weren't anything to do with us CIC - wise or nothing.

RW: O.K...Here is where Rickett comes into the picture, and Rickett makes a number of claims that basically...I don't know if Rickett is still alive or not.

SC: No, Rick is dead now.

RW: O.K. Because I...(Unintelligible)

SC: No, he is dead and I think now maybe his wife might be now. We use to exchange Christmas cards up until a couple of years ago when he died. Two or three years ago.

RW: So, he died two or three years ago? OK. He makes a number of claims that, at least Randle and Schmitt; and when I say "Randle and Schmitt I'm not trying to pick on them or to imply that

they're doing anything different than any of these other people...they just happen to have the most current stuff on the street.

SC: Trying to write a book.

RW: "Rickett, the Provost Marshal"...excuse me...page 61. "According to Lewis Rickett, one of the CIC Agents, he, with the commander of the CIC shop, drove a staff car from the motor pool and returned to the crash site. They were followed by a second car carrying several MP's. An MP did ask for identification because neither of the counterintelligence men were in uniform." So this would have been the second trip, which you said you did not take. But, he did apparently go with you on the first trip?

SC: Rickett?

RW: Rickett...Yeah.

SC: Yeah.

RW: And I assume at that time, just like in OSI, you did not wear uniforms for the most part?

SC: I didn't even have any uniforms.

RW: Yeah. I know the feeling. For the first eight years in OSI, I think, the only uniform I had was my mess dress. "But Rickett, the Provost Marshal and the senior intelligence officer walked into the debris field, examined the wreckage. Rickett said it looked like metal and asked if it was radioactive"...and you said it wasn't. That was page 62. This is on the, you would have been on this now second trip again, O.K.? On page 63: as they prepared to leave the crash site the CIC agent told Rickett: "You and I were never out here. You and I never saw this. You don't see any military people or military vehicles out here. Rickett agreed saying yeah, we never even left the office." Now that's the little quote they have out also in the..

SC: Now what page is that on?

RW: That's on page 63.

SC: 63? No. Now I could have said something facetious like that after we got back to the office, after I was convinced that it was a weather balloon, or some such contraption. I didn't know, naturally. I could have said after we got back to the office: "Rickett, this has been a big boondoggle. I don't even want 700 CIC Headquarters to know we wasted our time on it. Forget we ever did it." I mean I could have...

RW: O.K.

SC: said in a facetious way: "Lets make out like it never existed, because we're wasting our time." But I didn't say it in such a way that it would be this is so highly classified we won't have anything to do with it.

RW: O.K. On page 86, it said: "The counterintelligence people came into Roswell on a special flight from Andrews Army Air Field on July 8." So that, to me, implies that this would have been your CIC Headquarters also sent some other people out there.

SC: Yeah. Right. That's what it sounds like.

RW: Yeah, but you said you would have known if anybody from Washington had come into your area, sort to speak. More than likely.

SC: Well I certainly hope so. We were secretive and so forth, but I think they would have touched base with me, since obviously if they talked to Marcel he would have probably said something to begin with, but they would have wanted to know what I knew. No, I...

MC: Of course Jack Williams was there. Jack could have been on some of these...

SC: No Jack was young and sort of scatterbrained, as you well know. And I never relied much on him for anything. He's the type that would read a book while he was on a road trip driving his car. He'd finish a book while driving...

RW: While he was actually driving?

SC: Oh sure.

RW: Sounds like the people driving on 95 in Washington there in the traffic jam.

MC: There weren't many people on the road.

SC: Jack rabbits. No. No disrespect to Jack, but he just wasn't a solid citizen as far as I'm concerned. And if anybody from headquarters CIC came in I'm positive they would have checked in with me.

RW: O.K. The page that's kind of devoted to you, if you will, is on 171 and it said that "Schmitt suggested the possibility that the crash had been a V-2 or A-9, (which is one of derivatives of the V-2, that we were playing with at that time). Schmitt asked if there had ever...if they had ever retrieved anything like that anywhere in New Mexico. Never, he said any rocket going off course would be destroyed by the range officer and they wouldn't have wanted to risk injury to civilians on the ground. Randle asked if he remembered any talk at all about a flying saucer. He (meaning you) insisted that nothing at all happened. The former CIC man hadn't heard any rumors about a crash. All this, including the story shown on "Unsolved Mysteries", was a bunch of garbage. Schmitt and Randall spent two hours with the man, he told them that any reports he wrote in the

normal course of his duty was sent to Washington not 8th Air Force in Fort Worth. He was attached to the 509th, but his chain of command was different than the 8th Air Force, that's..."

SC: That's one of the few true stories they had in this book.

RW: "In fact he talked about many things willingly. He said the ranks of CIC agents were all classified at the time" (I know that's the way it was in OSI for years) "It didn't look right to have a Master Sergeant investigating a Colonel so no one on the base, except for a few clear to know, had any idea of what he or any of the others were. (Of course, that's the way we did business.)

SC: True.

RW: "He provided names of others who might be able to help and he described his normal unclassified duties at Roswell, but according to him the crash and recovery had never happened. There was no investigation on the Foster ranch, no mystery flight, and no discovery of alien bodies, nothing." Now we are getting to the part where they make you sound like somewhat of a conspirator. It said, "Randall said he and Schmitt had literally two dozen witness' to the special flights out of Roswell and the special clean up operation on the ranch. Something must have happened, the CIC man finally conceded, but I don't know what it was. As they left, the CIC man asked them, if you boys found something that affected national security would you keep it to your self? The former CIC man grins, and said 'very good'." So, somehow, by that remark, I imply that this was kind of, "I know something that you guys don't and if affects national security so we're not going to tell you." That's the way that I interpret what they wrote. Because, the rest of it just kind of recounts the way we did business, even when I came into OSI twenty years after that.

SC: You think they're talking about me there, "the former CIC man?"

RW: Yeah.

SC: If I said that, I probably said it really meaning that if these guys trying to make a buck writing their sensational book run into to something that really affected national security, I meant don't put it in a book.

RW: Yeah. OK.

SC: Turn it over to somebody.

RW: But you weren't implying that this incident affected national security and you weren't going talk about it?

SC: Oh, no! No way.

RW: OK. I see you have some materials you brought out here. That looks like one of your basic agent classes. Is that one of your basic agent classes there?

SC: No, that was the old District Office 17, OSI.

RW: Oh. OK.

SC: So this is after. Dr. Pflock sent me that. I got it out when Pflock sent it to me. This is Rickett.

RW: OK.

SC: And that is Jack Williams and that's old Cavitt. Down on the lower left.

RW: Oh. OK.

SC: That's me, and these are the two boys that were with me there at Roswell. I have them all identified and who's no longer with us. This thing that Pflock sent me, this picture. It says that Jack Williams is deceased. No wonder why somebody didn't contact him. I didn't even know he was dead. We were not friends. He was a Staff Sergeant, and a good honest kid, I think.

MC: A smart guy.

SC: What?

MC: Really, he was quite intelligent.

SC: Oh, yeah. He read. Read books while he was on road trips.

RW: Well the names I recognize from here that were still: are Doyle Rees and John Stahl.

SC: Doyle is still alive. I have a letter from him.

RW: I think he's in the Association of Former OSI Agents.

SC: Yeah. Right.

RW: And I am also a member of that so I see a lot of that. So, I see a lot of their letters and stuff, pictures that they send.

MC: We get correspondence from Doyle. Chris' son called him not long ago. He had a hole in one on his eightieth birthday.

RW: Oh, is that right. Was it his first one?

SC: I'm sure it was.

MC: Nice, nice man.

SC: He is a nice man. And a nice family. I don't know what the date on that is. Letter from Doyle, it says: "When you call the press conference to tell the world, let me know, because I want to be there." So, I just got reams of this stuff from books.

RW: Do you mind if I look through that real quick?

SC: Oh, heavens no. I got it (Unintelligible)

RW: Stanton T. Freidman?

SC: Freidman or whatever.

RW: Yeah, he doesn't like me a lot. He writes me nasty letters.

SC: He called me a couple of times. I could hear him a little bit, but it wasn't good enough for me to try to strain my brain. He apologized a little later. He wrote me back and said sorry we had a bad telephone connection. On your end!

RW: O.K. Here is the stuff about Schiff that I referenced earlier. Asking the GAO to look at this. Karl Pflock...

SC: You know, you can look at any of that. You can have copies. As a matter of fact I don't know what I'm going to do with it.

MC: Oh, your sons want it.

SC: Oh, I don't know.

MC: Oh, yes they do. Joey said last night maybe Dad could make a fortune out of being a hero.

SC: Well, if I wanted to make a little money I could have imagined a lot of things and cooperated more.

MC: Well, that's what Doyle said.

SC: With these authors and so forth I could be given royalties for a long time.

RW: Oh, this was out of the Global Reliance. I don't remember seeing this in there. Oh, Karl Pflock wrote this for the Global Reliance.

SC: Have you ever seen that clipping?

RW: This one on Rickett here?

SC: Yeah.

RW: No, I never saw this.

SC: I don't know what that is from.

RW: "But at least one surviving member of the recovery team actually handled the material, (Unintelligible). Eighty two year old Lewis Rickett. 'Cavitt had been there the day before, but he wouldn't tell me what was going on until we got there.' With armed troops standing guard Rickett wandered through the security phalanx and saw metallic debris scattered in an outer circle with a diameter of 25, 30, or 40 feet."

SC: It must have been Rickett sort a flipped of little bit. See this was something that he...an interview he had shortly before he died, I think.

MC: Well, when they interview Rick he was older and trying to make people remember things that happened umpteen years ago is pretty hard.

SC: I have probably received an awfully lot more than that, Rich, and threw it away. Sorry.

RW: So these people have been pretty much tracking you down on a regular basis then?

SC: Oh, yes! Mary can verify that. She said she had been home when she got telephone calls.

MC: I have talked to some of these fellows myself.

SC: Yeah, if I'm not here she talks to them. Blabber away, and she gives it right down the line. "Have they ever tried to influence you to say that I am lying or holding anything out?"

MC: No. I just tell them that you are telling the truth.

SC: They don't believe you when you tell the truth.

RW: I guess they don't. That's the problem we have with this whole line of inquiry and attempt to look this. It is very hard to prove the negative. It is hard to prove that something didn't happen, because you don't document stuff that doesn't happen.

SC: No, it is pretty hard to, difficult, but a good imagination can. These boys have it.

MC: The picture that was in the Roswell paper, as I said, we had just gotten there so we probably had to start subscribing to it. But nobody passed it around.

RW: Well let me tell you what's in the official records that we found so far. So you will have feel.



SC: Please, do.

RW: We did this, as investigators would, logically. We figured, "where would this stuff be"? So we went to all the different records. Working for me I have a group of reservists who are declassification experts. They are excellent researchers. They spend their whole time dealing with records, so these people know where all this stuff is buried. So, we have been to all the major record centers. The Archives and nuclear records (ranging from unclassified to TS nuclear stuff because the 509th was the only nuclear unit in the world at that time. So, some of there records were TS and still are.) That is because they have never been declassified. Anyway, we found that there was no airplane crash that could account for this. Just to show you how unsafe it was to fly at that time, there were six airplane crashes in less than a month in New Mexico alone in 1947, and that doesn't include the rest of the United States. We were lucky to have six.

SC: Remind me to double back on that. Go ahead with your story and I'll tell you another little story.

RW: We found no indication of a V-2 launch that is not accounted for. There was one scheduled on the 3rd of July and that was scrubbed. There was no indication that there was some sort of nuclear accident at that time where we either dropped a weapon or did something stupid, which we had to consider during that period of time, but there is no indication of any of that happening. Weather balloon themselves are; (although they have a "return to" type of thing on them) supposed to crash. I mean, they go up and then sooner or later they're going to come down. Right? Now what we did find, however (and I not implying what you saw up there), but its a possibility. There was a project run by New York University, out of Holloman at that time. It was a balloon experiment that lasted for years. But at the time a portion of it was Top Secret. It has since then be declassified. It was called Project Mogul.

SC: Never heard of it.

RW: Mogul was designed to run balloons at very high altitudes with extremely sensitive acoustic sensors (what we were looking for were nuclear test on the part of the Russians, because we thought the Russians had gotten the bomb) so you needed high enough and far enough so, and at a constant altitude, we could see...because there were no satellite (Unintelligible) they had a couple Mogul balloons and several of those are unaccounted for during that period of time. They are very large in the sense that some of them were up to 600 feet long, not one gigantic balloon, but a series of balloons, because as they went up to altitude some of them broke off, and some of them dropped ballast and they were very sophisticated. They had a lot of tin foil on them and a lot of different things. Mogul is a possibility. We found a couple of researchers from New Mexico that we are in contact with now because they kept private records in some regards. But, of course that was a Top Secret project at the time and we don't know if Blanchard knew about that or not: (we don't have any indication that he did). And that they used the weather balloon in an attempt to cover the other balloon which was a classified project.

SC: Yeah, that is possible. I didn't know about that particular thing. I just knew weather balloons went up and measured. This was my first impression. I didn't know anything else, so O.K., that's it, forget it. The thing that disturbed me is why they cannot shoot down this story about the little bodies and so forth that were allegedly taken to Wright-Pat or some place.

RW: Wright-Pat, right.

SC: And put in a sealed (unintelligible) or so forth. And the only thing, Rick might have gotten confused about something. You mentioned crashes. We had one there at Roswell. They practiced this air to air refueling, which was just, I think, getting into real high-tech stuff as far as I knew.

RW: B-29's?

SC: Yeah. And they were refueling them. We had one rather, rather hell! Where the plane that was being refueled for some reason or other pitched up when they were either getting to attach the cord, or the other one came down, which doesn't sound logical, I think it's more apt to have went up. One or both of those planes crashed. I forget what direction it was up from Roswell, but I went out to that crash at the request of Marcel; maybe Blanchard, and I probably took Rickett with me. We had bodies all over the place, and it was a sad thing. We recovered some fingers, of course, there was one hell of a big fire after it happened. I collected a bunch of hands, fingers and so forth, trying to identify them. At the time I thought this was sort of stupid. They had a list back at the Operation Office. Other than identifying body parts so that some guy's wife would know that she had part of her, used to be, former husband. And I don't remember where we sent those things for identification. I remember going into the office after that trying to get prints off of these old shriveled up fingers and so forth. What good it would do, I don't know. I didn't know then, but I was wonder if maybe Rick got confused that maybe this was some of the bodies. I doubt it, but it is just a possibility. But I don't know why they can't trace down those bodies.

RW: Well, that is the ultimate part of the quote "cover up" that we're involved in. You and I would probably think as OSI agents if you recovered a body that is unusual, that would generate a whole bunch of paperwork. We are a paperwork society. I mean, it may be classified with a bazillion stamps on it, but it would generate a lot of study and things. And we have not been able to locate one piece of anything to indicate that is so.

SC: It boggles my mind that we would not be able to find anything. The Air Force having the...I mean we were close knit and it seemed that there had to be a trail and pick up and eventually end there in that grip, or whatever they put these bodies in.

RW: But did you ever hear of any talk of that type of stuff when you were at Roswell?

SC: Down there. No.

RW: When did all of this first surface, in your life? After you picked up the original stuff and you went on to your career. When did the UFO part first surface in your life?

SC: You mean this sort of stuff?

RW: Yes. Was it with Berlitz and Moore?

SC: Our son sent this book to us.

RW: This is 1980, I think. Yeah 1980.

MC: A lot of that has been debunked by the other two guys.

SC: Well, I don't remember where Joey got this book.

MC: They bought it, they bought it. And he came by to see us and we had just back from fishing and you had one of your cluster headaches. And I did most of the talking here, because Cav was having his cluster headaches.

SC: I had another cycle of cluster headaches. Similar to migraine.

RW: I understand those are really painful.

SC: I am about to come out of it, although I had one last night, and I was awake all night long.

MC: Don't you think that is it. I never even gave it a thought.

RW: Until Mr. Moore and company showed up, around 1980 time frame?

SC: Yeah.

MC: 16 September 82 that he was here.

RW: O.K. Now from my research (not of AF records, but of popular literature records) Friedman is the guy who ran into Marcel down in Louisiana in 1978, because Friedman had been a UFO researcher for years. He ran into Marcel and from his interview of Marcel it got Berlitz and Moore interested, and that's when Marcel then started talking to all of these different people. And then it has kind of grown since then.

MC: And then of course, it's too bad apparently, you see little Jesse was about 11. Cav never told me anything. He said I'll never tell you anything then you won't spread anything. We always wondered how little Jesse knew so much. To us it should have been business. Neol (Marcel's wife) apparently was not able to give any information after Jesse died.

RW: Yeah. The son is mentioned in a number of publication, because he claimed his dad brought this stuff to his house and they hammered on it and...

MC: Which I remember seeing.

SC: He was a smart little devil, his son.

RW: He is a doctor, I think.

SC: Is he is a PHD type of doctor or a Medical doctor?

RW: Yeah, I though he was a medical doctor.

MC: He is an MD, but his brother was medical type technician.

SC: They were a smart family. I always thought Marcel was just a little on the outer scale.

RW: Since you were friends with both Marcel and Rickett, is there any explanation that they would (in your mind, since you knew them) tell these stories and get this interest generated?

SC: No.

MC: I wouldn't think purposely, would you darling?

SC: Not purposely, no. I gave you a little insight on Rick, he could sit and tell stories that last hours.

MC: They were visited by a lot of people, more than we were. Handier to some people, being in Florida where they were. She would write on cards, so and so has been here, but I don't think purposely they would try to make up tales for being heroes or glorifying anything.

RW: Let me ask you officially for the record. Did you take any kind of security oath, promise, sign anything, or verbally agree to anything not to talk about any of this, that occurred in New Mexico?

SC: No. I told you that awhile ago. I'll take an oath on that. I swear.

RW: O.K. Has anybody in the US Government, the Air Force, or anyone connected with the Government, ever threatened you if you said anything about any of these incidents that something would happen to you, your family or anybody else?

SC: No. No way.

RW: O.K.

SC: I am telling the truth, and I have told all of these other people the truth. That, I don't know anymore than what I told them, and I don't know anything about any "little men", or anything. I am a pretty stupid person, when I say "I don't know anything."

RW: Well, I appreciate having to ask you some of these questions, even after you told me that...

SC: I know you have to.

RW: But, we want to do this officially, because as near as we can tell nobody ever has before.

SC: I certainly wish you good luck. I hope you can convince these people.

RW: Well, it is going to be difficult, because like I say we have nothing other than this one formerly classified project that was occurring out there at the same time that was even a little bit "funny", if you will...

SC: Yeah. Had I known about that, Rich, at that time I would have probably hooked it up with that instead of a weather balloon.

RW: But, a balloon is basically a balloon. Some of them are bigger and some of them are smaller.

SC: Some do some things, some of them do others.

RW: One of the things that they mentioned, going back to the balloons for a minute, was what Marcel called "hieroglyphics". It was something that was written or printed on some of the debris. Do you recall any of that?

SC: No. But in reading over some of my other garbage here, I have seen some hieroglyphics. I don't think there were any claims that these were the Roswell deal. Were there?

RW: Marcel claims.

SC: Marcel says so?

RW: However, the day after the original flying saucer article in the Roswell paper, there was a follow up article where they interview Brazel (the rancher), and he described this stuff almost similar to what you did, almost like basal wood type of sticks and tin foil type of things. Then he said some had what appeared to be Scotch tape with little purple flowers stamped on it. Apparently at that time, as near as we can tell, one of the balloon manufactures did use some type of tape that had some sort of flowers on it. It is possible, I guess, that somebody could mistake...

SC: I don't remember anything like that.

MC: I think there is a picture in one of these...

SC: Well, some of these authors, Mary, you got to remember, they will skip from the Roswell incident to something that happened someplace else in the United States and they get a little confusing. You just read through it. I remember something about some hieroglyphics, not on that one. I didn't see anything. I do not remember any writing at all on the thing. But if Marcel saw something, maybe he did.

RW: Did you know Haut, Lt. Haut? The public affairs guy at the time?

SC: Just vaguely. What was he, base information, or something of that sort?

RW: Yes.

SC: Not close at all. As a matter of fact I couldn't even describe him. I got a picture with a tall fellow and I didn't know much about him, at all.

RW: Is there anything else that you can recall or like to add?

SC: I have been thinking about it ever since you called, and said you were coming out.

MC: It is a shame that Don Yeager was in the office with Jess.

SC: Yeah. Is he dead now?

MC: I don't know.

SC: But he won't know a thing, Mary. He wouldn't know a thing.

MC: He wouldn't have known anything with Jesse?

SC: No. No. Jesse didn't trust Don very much. I wouldn't want (unintelligible). He was trying to keep up, but couldn't. He just wasn't a reliable sort of individual.

MC: So Jess probably wouldn't have...

SC: No. No. I don't even think he even talked to Don about it. There was another Captain in the Intelligence office at the time who I always thought was a very sharp individual, his name I don't remember his first name...Carl was his first name, Macamer. He ended up as a full Colonel.

MC: Now we gave Randall their names. We gave them everything we could think of.

SC: Yeah. Carl might be dead now. I always thought he was a pretty smart individual.

MC: Carl was the last we knew.

SC: Somewhere up in the North, wasn't he?

MC: He is our generation. He would have retired.

RW: Did he switch over to the Air Force too, when he...

MC: Who Macamer?

RW: Yeah.

MC: Oh, yeah. He was in the 8th Air Force.

RW: So when you all just went over to the USAF when it formed in September?

SC: He went right along with the 8th Air Force, becoming USAF. We being OSI, well...

MC: He was always Air Force. He was always Army CIC, or was he?

SC: Who, me?

MC: No. No. Carl.

SC: Carl wasn't even in the CIC. He was in intelligence. He was just in the intelligence office there at...He was under Marcel. He was under Blanchard. He was under Ramey. Wasn't that the General's name over at the 8th Air Force, Roger Ramey?

RW: Yeah, that's right. In fact, they named a SAC base in Puerto Rico after him.

SC: The things that Ramey and Blanchard used to! Blanchard came over to the Philippines. I think he was IG in 1963 or 4 and I was District Commander of the OSI District 42 in the Philippines. We had a few chuckles together and...

MC: Do you recall once when we were some place and Roger, and Ramey and I were dinner partners. I think it was Greece. You were on one of your many trips.

RW: Blanchard was the IG, you're right.

SC: He and Ramey, I don't know what he was after the commander of the Eight Air Force, but he and Blanchard use to have some...(unintelligible). Oh Lord! I knew these guys pretty well. No. I don't know anything about any crashed space ships. I don't know anything about any little men.

MC: I am quite sure that we never gave it a thought until that book.

RW: I'll tell you what, if you can indulge me for a few minutes and let me set up my computer. Do you mind signing a statement. I'll make it very short. (unintelligible).

SC: Sure. You bet. Yeah.

RW: And we'll just make a kind of quick summary statement if you can bare with my computer skills here.

SC: I'll prick my finger and sign it in blood.

RW: I don't think we'll require that.

MC: Rich, it always seems funny to us with all these, if these things happened. How can 30 or even 3 people keep something a secret?

RW: Well, I would kind of like to know how they did it, because in my real job we handle all the Special Programs that do keep all the secrets. And we would like to figure out how they do it so we can duplicate it. Because it is very hard to keep secrets, as you well know.

MC: But you see, I am talking about civilians and other people who were in on these bodies going to the morgue and all that. (unintelligible) some grave digger from the funeral home or whatever...

RW: Well, of course, Randle and Schmitt do claim that those people are out there and that they have interviewed them. They list a whole bunch of them. Now, we're not trying to go after them and undo every interview they had done. That is not our point. In fact, you are the only person we have gone out and interviewed, because you're always reputed to be the guy...one of the two or three people that was there picking up the stuff...

MC: And he is the only one that is still living.

RW: That is right.

MC: That is what Doyle Rees said on his post card. He said you better keep this going. If anybody likes publicity as he...(unintelligible)

SC: But what he was saying, all of these guards...

RW: He claims that he had interviewed a number of these people and said that they did guard something and there were a number flights. Now, we have never found the flight records to substantiate that, so I don't know where they have. If they have.

SC: The crew chiefs on the airplane that are making these flights. They went with them. Flight Engineers?



MC: It will be interesting for you to get Randle and Schmitts last book.

SC: Their latest book? They promised they're going to take it easy on me.

RW: Well, I have tried to find a copy, because, among other things, that have happened, is that people keep changing the dates of when things happened.

MC: And sites!

RW: Yeah. And that makes it very difficult when you are try to track down records. If you are looking between this period of time and all of a sudden they change the period of time.

MC: Well, when they came here about 14 months ago they sat right there and we became good friends down in Sierra Vista and we would tell them everything we know, honestly. We gave them gobs of names. They sat down and said we have something new, something different. Something happened at this site and it was not on the same date. So, you could have one of your researchers get that book, and research that.

SC: You are very well aware of the good guy bad guy approach of when they interrogation.

RW: Oh, yes.

SC: Well, I got a perfect example of this with Randle and Schmitt. Randle is the outgoing, buddy-buddy type and this Schmitt he'd sit over their and he'd look over at me like this (while Randall is asking me a question), "you lying Cur." Particularly down in Sierra Vista. They just grated on me.

RW: You probably had done that a time or two yourself. You would know what he was doing.

SC: Not really. Let him type up this deal that I...

RW: Yeah, I don't want to take up all of your time.

MC: We have all day. I'll go down and get a hamburger or...

RW: If you don't mind, if you got a plug in over by the table. I need two plug ins to make this thing work.

SC: You need two?

RW: One for the computer and one for the power supply.

SC: O.K.

RW: If that is possible. Although the cords are a lot longer than this one, hopefully.

SC: Where would be the best place?

RW: In fact, I can probably...

MC: (unintelligible)

SC: Your cord is not all that long.

RW: (unintelligible)

SC: Is that tape recorder still running?

RW: Yeah, let me shut the tape recorder off. Its about 12:30 here on the 24th.

SC: Well, you're not interrupting anything here.

RW: O.K. We'll just do this. I'll make it a short one which just kind of summarizes what we have already talked about.

SC: Good.

END RECORDING

## Letters

Brig Gen E. O'Donnell to  
Commanding General AAF; Lt Col  
W.H. Congdon and Col D.P. Gaul  
to Commanding General AMC;  
Brig Gen Tom C. Rives to  
Commanding General AAF  
July 8, 1946; September 9, 1947;  
September 10, 1947

Ltr Watson Labs. 14 Jun 46, subj: "Change in Class. of 'Mogul,' Item 188-5."

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TSELT-2/WHd/mch

Hq., Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. 8 July 1946.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.

THRU: (AC/AS-4)

1. To amplify the information given in the basic letter it is desired by Electronic Subdivision that the following information and scientific data pertaining to project "Mogul" be classified "TOP SECRET:"

a. Precise data as to the exact placement of measuring instruments.

b. Scientific observations and measurements that have military application.

c. Detailed methods of measuring results.

2. Engineering preparations for the final test that are not in conflict with the above will be classified "Confidential."

3. Contractual documents will be classified the same as the security classification of the equipments involved. Equipments used in project "Mogul" are common to other systems or sets that are now classified "Confidential," "Restricted," or "Unclassified;" contractual documents should be classified accordingly.

4. Authorization is requested to observe the security classifications proposed herein.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. O'DONNELL  
Brig.Gen., U.S.A.  
Deputy Chief  
Engineering Division

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AIR MATERIEL COMMAND  
WATSON LABORATORIES  
Red Bank, New Jersey

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SUBJECT: Research Operations in Alaska

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright Field  
Dayton 2, Ohio  
ATTN: TSELT

1. Plans for research on Project "Agul," E. O. 188-11, priority 1A, include determination of compressional wave velocity in the upper atmosphere in regions of high latitude. This information is vital to the completion of the project and as far as is known, no previous work has been done in this field. These Laboratories are now planning to begin the first phase of this research in Alaska between 15 October and 15 December 1947. Completion of this first phase will require about six weeks at the test site.

2. The method of determining acoustic velocity fields in the upper atmosphere will be similar to that which has been done off the New Jersey coast and in New Mexico throughout this year. Explosives are set off at or near the earth's surface and the resulting compressional waves refracted through the upper atmosphere are recorded at sites up to 300 miles distant. One method consists of cropping airburst bombs from airplanes flying a course in various directions from the recording sites, 50 to 300 miles away. Another method involves firing charges of explosives on the ground at fixed distances from the recording sites. Whichever method is used will depend upon available conditions and the granting of clearances to do the work. Both methods have been successfully used for over a year. Techniques are well established and the engineering personnel are well experienced on all phases of the operations.

3. A previous survey of facilities in Alaska by personnel of these Laboratories indicates that all requirements may be fulfilled at Ladd Field, Fairbanks. The following requirements are necessary to conduct either or both types of tests:

a. Facilities for landing and servicing a C-54 airplane and either a B-17 or a B-29 airplane.

b. Housing and messing facilities for three civilian technicians from the Watson Laboratories and the military aircraft crews for a period of six weeks.

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c. Heated and lighted storage and workshop space for scientific equipment (approximately 400 sq. ft.).

d. Upper air meteorological data from the surface to maximum obtainable altitudes for establishing test conditions and evaluating test data.

e. Ground vehicles for transporting test crew and up to one ton of test equipment to recording stations, up to 50 miles from the base.

f. Storage of explosives, bombs and/or TNT demolition charges, is required conveniently available to the base and aircraft.

g. Six thousand (6000) pounds of tetratol (2-1/2 lb. demolition charges) or one hundred (100) each 100-lb. to 500-lb. bombs are required to carry out the experimental work.

4. It is requested that the Watson Laboratories be granted permission to conduct the above outlined tests within the Territory of Alaska, preferably in the vicinity of Fairbanks, beginning between the dates of 15 October and 15 December 1947 for a period of six weeks. In addition, it is requested that the following clearances and authorities be established in connection with the carrying out of this work.

a. Permission to install and operate recording stations at convenient points between Fairbanks and Point Barrow.

b. Permission to drop airburst bombs over at least a 150 mile straight-line course from Fairbanks.

c. If airburst bombing is not possible or proves unsatisfactory, it will be necessary to obtain permission to detonate up to 500 lbs. of TNT on the ground within 50 miles of the operating base. A vehicle will be required for carrying up to 1000 lbs. of explosives, and the assistance of two Corps of Engineers or Ordnance Department enlisted personnel will be required in firing the charges.


d. Authority is required for these Laboratories to draw upon any available supply of explosives in Alaska, requirements as indicated in paragraph 3 (g). If explosives are unavailable in Alaska, these Laboratories will make arrangements for obtaining explosives within the United States and transporting them to the point of the test.

5. If overall approval is granted to conduct this work as outlined, it is requested that these Laboratories be notified immediately, even though detailed arrangements are incomplete, so that aircraft clearances and personnel orders may be initiated.

/s/ W. H. Congdon, Lt. Col., AC

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Colonel, Air Corps  
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Basic ltr WLAMC, 9 Sep 47, to CG AMC, subj: "Research Oprs in Alaska."

1st Ind TSELT(TSELO)/JGR/1a

Hq AMC, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. 10 Sept 47

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: AC/AS-4

1. The proposed operation outlined in the basic correspondence is concurred in by this command.

2. In view of the high priority carried by this project, request that necessary action be taken to have the Alaskan Department provide the necessary facilities.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ Tom C. Rives

TOM C. RIVES, Brig Gen, USA  
Chief, Electronic Subdivision  
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